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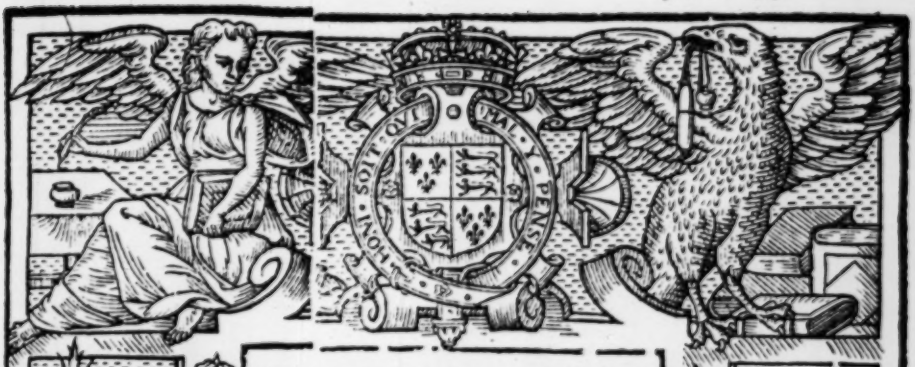

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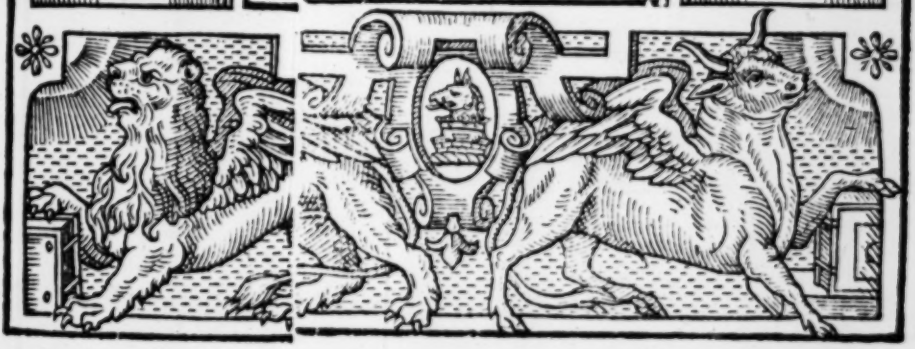

A prayer to be vſed in euery pariſh Church at Morning and Euening prayer, during the time of theſe preſent troubles in France.

O Moſt mightie Lord God, the Lord of hoſtes, the gouernour of all creatures, the onely giuer of all victories, who alone art able to ſtrengthen the weake againſt the mightie, and to banquiſh infinite multitudes of thine enemies with the countenance of a fewe of thy ſeruants calling vpon thy name, and truſting in thee: Defend O Lord, thy ſeruant the moſt Chriſtian king the French King, and ſpecially at this time giue him power, to withſtand the crueltie of all his enemies, aſwell forreners, as notorious rebels to his crowne and Realme, which thou haſt of thy diuine prouidence aſſigned vnto him in theſe our dayes. O moſt mercifull Father, (if it be thy holy will) plucke downe thoſe ambitious and rebellious heartes, that exalt themſelues againſt their naturall Lord and King. Conuert them to the knowledge of their offences, that in ſo iuſt a cauſe for ſo noble a King, a friend to our ſoueraigne Lady & Queene, both theſe realmes may liue in amitie, and bee ioyned in ſtrength to withſtand the rage and crueltie of ſuch as not content with their own, aſpire to depriue others of their kingdomes. Abate therefore their crueltie, (O moſt mightie Lorde) that ſuch Chriſtian Regions as deſire the peace of thy Church, may obtaine by thy aide and ſtrength, ſurety from their enemies without ſhedding of Chriſtian and innocent blood, whereby all they that be oppreſſed with their tyrannie may bee releeued,

releeued, and all that be in feare of their crueltie may be comforted. And finally, that al Christian Realmes, and specially this Realme of England may by thy defence and protection enioy perfect peace, quietnesse and security. And that we for these thy mercies ioyntly altogether, with one consonant heart and voyce, may thankfully render to thee all laude and prayse, and in one godly concorde and vnitie amongst our selues, maycontinually magnifie thy glorious name, who with thy Sonne our Sauiour Iesus Christ, and the holy Ghost, art one eternal, Almighty, and most mercifull God, to whom be all laud and prayse, worlde without end, Amen.

A prayer.

O Lord God of hostes, most mightie and merciful Father, who in thy vnspeakeable wisedom and mercie, hast gathered vnto thy selfe a Church truly professing thy holy name and Gospell: We doe here most humbly acknowledge that through our manifold sinnes and offences against thy heauenly maiestie, committed by vnthankfull receiuing of thy holy word, & by wicked led liues, we haue made our selues vnworthie of the least of these and other thy singular blessings hitherto very aboundantly powred vpon vs. Neuertheless (O heauenly Father) with an assured confidēce, relying vpon thy promises, we make bold to draw neere vnto the throne of thy grace, humblie crauing forgiuenes of our sinnes, & the continuance of thy blessings vpon vs, and vpon all princes, countries and common wealths that haue receiued & do embrace thine holy Gospel, & that at this time fight thy

thy battels against the aduersaries of thy Gospell, and those that vphold the kingdome of Antichrist. Therefore being cast downe in soule, we doe bewaile our iniquities, setting the bitter death and precious blood shed of thy deare sonne Christ Jesus, betwixt vs and thy iust wrath conceiued against vs & them. Turne (O Lord) thy wrathfull indignation from vs and them: And forasmuch as it is not for our sinnes that our enemies in their purpose haue thus banded themselues against vs, but for the sincere profession of thy word and Gospel: With thy mightie arme confound and bring to nought the deuises, power and strength of all such as set themselues against ỹ same. Thou knowest (O Lord) how the heathen and such as hold of superstitious vanities, euen at this present in France, and elsewhere doe rushe into thine inheritance to make thy chosen Jerusalē, euen thy Church, a desolate heape of stones, to lay waste thy holy sanctuarie, yea euē to giue vp the flesh of thy deare childrē to the birdes of the aire, and the slaine carcasses of thy Saints to the beasts of the field. Wherefore (most mightie God of hostes) which art the Lord of glorie and power, that canst arme the most base & meanest of thy creatures to the ouerthrow of all the mightie of the world that bee enemies for thy trueths sake: aduance thy selfe like a mightie Giant with a swift and terrible iudgement against them, frustrate the counsels of all their Achitophels, breake them down with an iron rod like an earthen vessell, send an hoste of Angels to scatter their armies, confound them as thou diddest the host of the Assyrians, let thine owne sword fight for thy seruants, & deuoure vp their enemies: be thou as fire vnto them, and let them be as a stubble before thee. Finally, let them be as Oreb and Zeb, yea like vnto Zebah and Salmanah, and be made as dung on the face of the earth. Send (good Lord)

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vpon them the ſpirite of feare and trembling, that they may flee before the hoſte of thine Iſrael, as chaffe before the wind, to the ende they may bee diſcomfited and ouerthrowen by thy mightie hand, neither giue thy ſeruants (O Lord) to be a praie vnto their teeth, or a by word and reproch to ſuch as hate the true profeſſion of thy Goſpell: For we doe onely reſt aſſured vnder the ſhadow of thy wings. Protect in mercy as the apple of thine eie, and mercifully powre vpon thoſe armies that fight againſt ỹ enemies of the Goſpell, the ſpirit of wiſedom, foreſight, counſel, ſtrength and courage, that in full aſſurance of thine heauenly helpe fighting for them, ten of them may chaſe an hundred, & an hundred of them put to flight a thouſand of their aduerſaries. Be thou (O Lorde) their continuall refuge and ſtrong rocke of defence, let thy holy Angels pitch their tents round about them, that they may know thy holy hand both ſtretched out for their helpe, and ſtrongly ſet againſt their and our enemies. Teach their hands to warre, and their fingers to fight: proſper that which they take in hand, O proſper thou their handie worke, and make them alwaies to reioice in thy ſaluation and deliuerance, that ſo all ſuch as loue not the trueth of thy Goſpel, hearing thereof, may bee diſcomfited, and that thy feare may fall vpon thine enemies to the perpetuall glory of thy holy name, and that we eſcaping the rage and furie of thoſe which ſeeke after our liues, and the ouerthrow of thy trueth, may in thy holy Church here militant, and after in the Church triumphant in heauen, eternally ſing praiſes to thee our heauenly Father, the onely giuer of all victorie. Grant theſe things for thy Sonne Chriſt Jeſus ſake, to whom with thee and the holy Ghoſt three perſons, and one eternall, immortall, inuincible, and onely wiſe God, be all honour, prayſe, glory and dominion, now and for euer. Amen.

Another.

Most mightie God and mercifull Father, for so much as thou hast promised to maintaine and defend the cause of thy Church so deerely purchased and redeemed euen with the precious blood of thy deerely beloued Sonne: we thy humble seruants confessing our owne vnworthinesse, through the infinite number of our wilfull transgressions, doe at this time prostrate our selues here before thy diuine maiestie, and wholy relying vpon thy promises, most heartily beseech thee through the merites of Iesus Christ our Sauiour, to protect and strengthen thy Seruants our brethren in France, that are now readie to fight for the glory of thy name. Thou knowest (O Lord) how the aduersaries that come to fight against them, haue entred into a league and combined themselues together, neuer to desist vntill they haue destroied all such as professe thy Gospell, and laid the glory of thy Sion and Temple in the dust. And although both our and their offences doe most iustly deserue, that both they and we should bee deliuered to the edge of the sword: yet seeing that these conspirators and rebellers doe hate thy seruants onely for the cause of thy trueth, and that they are noted in the world for such as outwardly professe thy name, & the true doctrine of the Gospell of thy Sonne our Sauiour Christ: Saue them in thy mercy (O heauenly Father) from the crueltie of their enemies, cast a feare and trembling into the hearts of their aduersaries, take the cause of thy Gospel into thine owne hands: go before them, fight the battels of thy children, and subdue their enemies: so shal that proud generation haue no

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cause to insult ouer thy true Church, and ouer thy seruants, nor to say with thy old enemies, Where is now their God? And we thy penitent and most humble suppliants that doe here at this time make intercession both for our brethren and for our selues, will from henceforth declare thy name with cheerefull hearts in the midst of the congregation, we will euer praise thee and magnifie thy saluation, world without end. Graunt this (O mercifull Father) for thy deare sonnes sake our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, three persons and one God, bee all honour, glory, power and dominion, now and for euer. Amen.